



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:
(LAB)

***AN ACT CONCERNING IMPACT STATEMENTS FOR REDUCTIONS IN
STATE SERVICES AND ADVANCE LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL FOR
SIGNIFICANT PROGRAMMATIC IMPACTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Prior to any major layoff or
2 dismissal of state employees at the recommendation of the Governor,
3 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or a designee
4 shall submit to the General Assembly a written impact statement
5 concerning the effect of such layoff on the affected state agency,
6 department, board or commission and any clients or consumers served
7 by such agency, department, board or commission. For purposes of
8 this section, "major layoff or dismissal" means any layoff or dismissal
9 that results in the loss of at least five per cent of the total positions
10 within an agency, department, board or commission and "state
11 employee" means any employee in the executive, legislative or judicial
12 branch of state government, whether in the classified or unclassified
13 service and whether full or part-time, and any employee of a quasi-
14 public agency, but shall not include a judge of any court, either elected
15 or appointed.

16 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) No major state program shall
17 be discontinued or closed by reason of economy, insufficient
18 appropriation, change in departmental organization, abolition of
19 position, or layoff or dismissal of state employees without the
20 approval of the General Assembly. For purposes of this section "major
21 state program" means any program operated by the state or any of its
22 agencies, boards, departments or commissions for which total
23 expenditures of state funds during the current fiscal year exceed one
24 hundred thousand dollars and "state employee" means any employee
25 in the executive, legislative or judicial branch of state government,
26 whether in the classified or unclassified service and whether full or
27 part-time, and any employee of a quasi-public agency, but shall not
28 include a judge of any court, either elected or appointed.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To require the submission of impact statements to the General Assembly prior to any major layoff or dismissal of state employees and to require advance legislative approval for significant impacts on or reductions in major state programs.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]